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1. IN CONTINUING EFFORT TO ESTABLISH BETTER COMMUNICATION CHANNELS WITH SAG REGARDING AMCITS IN PRISON AWAITING TRIAL OR SERVING SENTENCES, CONSUL GENERAL CALLED ON IBRAHIM DAOUD, OFFICE DIRECTOR OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR ON 3/7/78. CONGEN EXPRESSED USG CONCERN AT LACK OF INFORMATION ON PROGRESS BEING MADE OR STATUS REPORT OF SEIFERT CASE (REFTEL A) AND OTHERS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT USG DID NOT DESIRE INTERFERE IN SAUDI JUDICIAL SYSTEM, BUT WE DID REQUIRE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO RESPOND INTELLIGENTLY TO INQUIRIES FROM FAMILIES, CONGRESS, ETC.

2. DAOUD WAS GIVEN COPIES OF RECENT NOTE TO MFA AND OF LETTER TO DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF JIDDA (PRINCE SAUDI BIN ABDEL MOHSIN), SPELLING OUT OUR CONCERNS. CONSUL GENERAL EXPRESSED OUR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT AFTER 5 FEBRUARY MEETING WITH PRINCE AND 22 FEBRUARY MEETING WITH MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WE STILL HAD NO ANSWERS TO ANY OF OUR QUESTIONS, ALTHOUGH IN BOTH INSTANCES WE HAD BEEN TOLD TO EXPECT SOME KIND OF ANSWER "IN NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS." DAOUD
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IN TURN PROMISED EARLY ANSWER ON OSBY CASE (REFTEL B) AND REVIEW OF ALL OTHER CASES LISTED IN NOTE TO MFA.

3. IN LIGHT OF INCREASING NUMBER CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES AND GROWING NEWSPAPER INTEREST CERTAIN AMCIT PROTECTION CASES, BELIEVE DEPT SHOULD CONSIDER EARLY DISCUSSION WITH SAUDI EMBASSY, AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, IF NECESSARY,

OF THIS PROBLEM.

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